**THE FESTIVAL OF THE WINDS**



Kite enthusiasts come from all over Australia to come to the Festival of the Winds. It is held on Bondi Beach in Sydney and runs on the second Sunday in September every year.

The festival began as part of the Sydney Carnevale in 1978. Two young men took some helium balloons and kites down to the beach. They wanted to show people what a good time they could have outside flying kites. They soon attracted a crowd and the kite flying became a popular event.

These days the Festival of the Winds attracts about 50,000 visitors and the sky over Bondi comes alive with hundreds of kites. There are all sorts of events, including the Indian Fighting Kite and a competition for the best homemade kite.